

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the substitute specification filed April 13, 2005, the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 21 has been amended as follows:

For example, the date stamp 84 can include postal matter data that characterizes a physical property of the mail piece on which the date stamp is stamped. If the date stamp is cut out from one mail piece and attempted to be affixed to another mail piece, it is unlikely that the second mail piece will have identical physical properties as the original mail piece. In the example shown in Figure 40 11, an embodiment of a date stamp 84 A is shown wherein the postal matter data characterize a type of packaging material of the original mail piece. In the embodiment of the date stamp 84B shown in Figure 41 12, the postal matter data characterize the surface structure of the packaging material of the original mail piece.